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ARMS TO CUBA

NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPERS FEATURED NMU PRESIDENT JOSEPH CURRANS TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY COMMERCE HODGES AND ATTRIBUTED CURRANS PROTES TO LANGES STATEMENT TO PRESS FOLLOWING TALK WITH RUSK (EMBTTEL 152). PRESIDENT NORWEGIAN SEAMENS UNION, GUNVALD HAUGE, AS QUOTED IN PRES STATES THAT CURRAN SHOULD STOP HIS VIOLENT AGITATION AGAINST NORWEGIAN SHIPPING. HAUGE ALSO REFERRED TO THE WORLD WAR II RECORD OF FREE NORWEGIAN MERCHANT MARINE, WHICH NOW APPARENTLY IS FORGOTTEN.

IN SPEECH AT THE TRIENNIAL CONGRESS OF UNION COINCIDENTALLY NO MEETING IN OSLO HAUGE SEEMED MORE CONCILIATORY, SAYING THAT HE HOPED DIFFERENCES WITH NMU CAN BE RESOLVED IN FRIENDLY TALKS. SMILING, HE SAID THAT IF NMU PICKETS NORWEGIAN SHIPS IN USA, NORWEGIAN UNION WILL RETALIATE BY PICKETING MOORE-MCCORMACK LINES IN NORWAY. GENERAL SECRETARY OF ITWF, PETER DE VRIES (DUTCH), HERE FROM LONDON TO ATTEND CONGRESS, TOLD PRESS IN STORY TO BE PRINTED TOMORROW THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS US CONCERN HE DOUBTFUL THAT ITWF CAN BE HELPFUL STOP PING ARMS TO CUBA AND IN ANY CASE NO CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN CURRANS REQUEST UNTIL ITWF BOARD MEETS IN OCTOBER.

NORWEGIAN LABOR LEADERS INCLUDING LO PRESIDENT NORWEGIAN SEAMENS UNION AS WELL AS NORWEGIAN MERCHANT MARINE.